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SUBJ: OPRED - NSF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL OFFICE  
FOR LATIN AMERICA IN RIO DE JANEIRO

1. THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) WISHES TO ESTABLISH A LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL OFFICE IN RIO DE JANEIRO EARLY IN 1975, TO BE STAFFED BY ONE AMERICAN AND ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL SECRETARY.

2. EXCERPTS FROM NSF'S LETTER TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOLLOW:

QUOTE: IN THE PAST TWO YEARS NSF HAS GRADUALLY BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPANDING ITS LATIN AMERICA PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO THE

THREE BILATERALS (ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, AND MEXICO), NSF HAS SUPPORTED COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA, AND VENEZUELA. NSF'S FY 74 PROGRAM EXCEEDS 500,000 DOLS AND IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY BY THE END OF FY 75.

THE BILATERAL PROGRAM HAS DEVELOPED ALONG PROVEN LINES: EXPANSION OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES MUTUALLY SUPPORTED AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTION-TO-

INSTITUTION RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN AND UNITED STATES UNIVERSITIES. THE NON-BILATERAL PROGRAM HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO UNITED STATES-LATIN AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGIC INTERACTION. IT PROVIDES FOR A FLEXIBILITY HERETOFORE NOT AVAILABLE UNDER GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS. IT ALLOWS AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TO INTERACT WITH ABLE SCIENTISTS OR SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS GOOD OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT THEMSELVES WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LEVEL OF GENERAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NATION. THUS AN AMERICAN SCIENTIST MAY CONTINUE A RELATIONSHIP WITH AN AMERICAN-TRAINED LATIN AMERICAN ALREADY UNDERWAY BY VIRTUE OF PREVIOUS COOPERATION ON AN AMERICAN CAMPUS OR MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH OF A PARTICULAR CENTER OF EXCELLENCE EVEN IF IT EXISTS IN A LESS DEVELOPED AREA. BY FY 77, WITH PROPER PROMOTION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES, NSF EXPECTS TO HAVE MORE THAN 1,000,000 DOLS IN SUCH INDIVIDUALIZED PROJECTS.

THE PROPOSED NSF/LA OFFICE WILL NOT ONLY SUPPORT AND EXTEND EXISTING NSF ACTIVITIES BUT WILL ALSO SEEK TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OTHER U.S. AGENCIES. ALTHOUGH THE FOUNDATION'S NORMAL ROLE IS THE AREA OF THE BASIC SCIENCES AND CERTAIN RELATED APPLIED FIELDS, NSF/LA WILL BE CALLED UPON TO SERVE IN A LARGER FRAMEWORK, AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BETWEEN NSF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. IT WILL BOTH ASSIST AND SUPPLEMENT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMS IN LATIN AMERICA, ESPECIALLY IN THE EFFORT TO DEVELOP THE INITIATIVES AND OBJECTIVES OUTLINED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT TLATELOLCO AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOW-ON GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FOR LATIN AMERICA. THE OFFICE WILL THUS BE IN A POSITION TO FACILITATE A WIDE RANGE OF INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIC COMMUNITIES AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS TO THE SOUTH. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE OFFICE, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE GIVEN A BROAD MANDATE TO ENCOURAGE SEMINARS, COL-

LABORATIVE RESEARCH, AND EXCHANGES OF PERSONNEL AND INFORMATION TO DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS. BOTH REGIONAL AND MULTI-NATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED OR SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, SUCH AS TROPICAL BIOLOGY, AGRICULTURAL STUDIES, ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PROBLEMS OF URBANIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MARINE SCIENCES, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. NSF'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA MAKES THE AGENCY ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR UNDERTAKING SUCH AN ACTIVITY.

ALTHOUGH THE NSF FY 75 BUDGET SUGGESTS SANTIAGO, CHILE, AND CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF CARACAS, VENEZUELA, AND LIMA, PERU, WE ARE PERSUADED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE THAT A RIO DE JANEIRO OFFICE WOULD BE A MORE ACCEPTABLE REGIONAL CENTER. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS THE NSF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NSF/LA IN RIO WITH ALL OF LATIN AMERICA AS ITS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, UNLESS YOU RECOMMEND ONE OF THE PREVIOUS ALTERNATIVES AS PREFERABLE. UNQUOTE

3. FYI DEPARTMENT HAS CONFERRED HERE WITH AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS AND SCIENCE OFFICER GOECKERMANN WHO GENERALLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL. AMBASSADOR ASKS THAT MISSION VIEWS ALSO BE SUBMITTED. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY ALSO WISH TO COMMENT. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL MISSION COMMENTS, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JANUARY 13 TO FACILITATE EARLY RESPONSE TO NSF REQUEST. KISSINGER

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